

Clutton Parish Council Newsletter

May 2011

After widespread consultation over 3 years with the whole parish Clutton Parish Plan was completed and adopted in October 2010

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Play Area greatly improved after fantastic support by a very active group of parents. Together with a grant from BANES and constant pushing from the Parish Council the equipment was finally brought up to standard

Many gates and stiles repaired or replaced, and overgrown footpaths cleared to enhance the enjoyment of our parish

A review of all the existing tree preservation orders in the parish conducted with an officer from BANES

New litter bins placed at the Play Area and Leisure Site

Goal posts installed on the recreation field and greatly enjoyed by our young footballers

Parish Council, in conjunction with BANES, working on a Parish Online map to aid pinpointing areas for improvement in the parish

Allotments continue to be managed in a cost effective manner and new taps soon to be installed to aid the tenants

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Ongoing Work for Clutton Parish Council

Many hours of negotiations with BANES by the Parish Council have finally led to agreement over a new lease for the Leisure Area (Railway Site) which should be completed shortly. This will ensure the activities for young people can continue on the site.

Small grants will continue to be made to Midsomer Park and Ride, Citizens Advice Bureau, and Clutton Horticultural Society for the Summer Show. A prize for the best kept allotment is given annually. A large grant is given to the Parochial Church Council towards grass cutting and maintenance of the Churchyard.

The Parish Council constantly pressurises BANES to repair potholes and blocked drains. Main successes include improvements to Marsh Lane, and Station Road. Station Road should be resurfaced next year.

Constant pressure is being put on BANES to install a pelican crossing on A37. Limiting the speed to 30mph is being sought. Pressure is also being placed to record accidents correctly including fatalities. Work to reduce the speed limit to 20mph by the school is ongoing, as is seeking to slow down and reduce lorry traffic through the village.

Planning applications are constantly being reviewed and BANES informed as to the decisions made by the Parish Council on behalf of the parish.

Current proposals for large scale development contradicts the findings of the Parish Plan and so the Parish Council and many residents are strongly opposed.

Pressure is placed on BANES to take enforcement action contravening granted planning permission. Recent successes include the removal of the smoking shelter outside the Railway Pub as it was too close to the road, and the change of use to waste disposal for the shed at the top of Cooks Hill.

The Parish Council voted unanimously to be classified as an RA2 village in the new Core Strategy from BANES and so restrict large scale development in the parish. This was in line with the Parish Plan. This should take effect from 2011.

Members of the Parish Council attend forums to ensure our voice is being heard linking us to the Police, other parishes, and BANES.

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public every third Monday of the month (except August), 7.30pm, village hall. Minutes once approved are posted on the website and on the noticeboard outside the Post Office.

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